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**TO:** Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Staff

**SUBJECT:** Expression of Interest – Rural Trials Docket No. 10-90

#### **Background**

BEVCOMM Inc. is a subsidiary of Rural Communications Holding Corporation. Rural Communications Holding Corporations owns and operates 8 ILEC's. These ILEC's operate in 23 communities in rural Minnesota and Wisconsin. All of these companies do business under the brand name BEVCOMM. The companies are also involved in cable TV services, non-regulated communications related services, long distance and broadband access.

### **Project Description**

BEVCOMM proposes to build a last mile FTTH network in the unserved portions of Faribault County, Freeborn County and Rice County, MN. These are locations which currently are unable to purchase reliable broadband.

The project will leverage BEVCOMM's existing fiber optic infrastructure and Pierce Pepin's access to pole attachments. These areas are all adjacent to existing areas served currently by BEVCOMM, and are served by Pierce Pepin Electric Coop with electric service. Should this project receive funding these customers would have access to the high-speed broadband, voice service and cable TV services.

### **Technology to be Deployed**

An active fiber technology capable of delivering up to 1 Gbps per customer. BEVCOMM currently provides service to a number of customers using this same technology.

### **Locations to be Served**

An estimated 800 customers would be served with this project. The census block information along with maps is included as attachment A and attachment B.

### Services to be offered

BEVCOMM will offer voice, broadband and video over the proposed broadband network. Pricing will be comparable with services currently provided in BEVCOMM's existing exchanges.

**Service** Residence Business **Voice Service** \$14.00 \$17.00

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**Data Services** 

30 Mbps/10 Mbps	\$49.95	\$59.95
60/20 Mbps	\$59.95	\$89.95
90 Mbps/30 Mbps	\$69.95	\$179.95

### **Video Services**

Basic \$33.95

Bundle: \$112.95

Voice Local telephone with voicemail with email notification, Caller ID, Call Waiting, Call

Forwarding and 3-Way Calling plus 100 minutes of Long Distance

Data 30 Mbps/10 Mbps Video 100+ channels

## **Funding**

BEVCOMM is seeking \$3,633,080 in one time funding to complete this project.

# **Project Timeline**

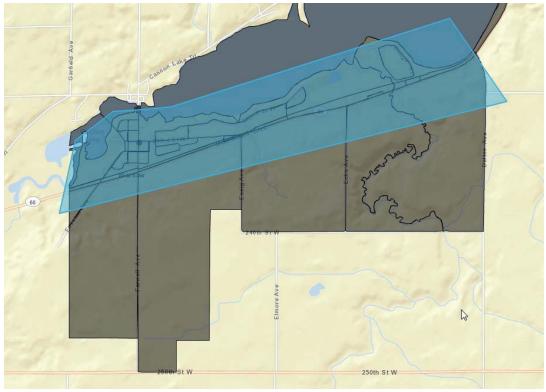
BEVCOMM will be ready to begin the project within 12 months of notification of funding

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Kiester, MN Area



Warsaw, MN Area

## Attachment B Census Blocks

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